

**RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
SPECIAL-CALLED MEETING
JUNE 22, 2004
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Bernice G. Scott, Chair; Joan B. Brady, Vice-Chair; Susan Brill; Paul Livingston; Doris M. Corley; Joseph McEachern; Anthony Mizzell; L. Gregory Pearce, Jr.; Kit Smith; James Tuten, Thelma M. Tillis

OTHERS PRESENT:

T. Cary McSwain, Daniel Driggers, Larry Smith, Milton Pope, Michielle Cannon-Finch
Tony McDonald, Ashley Bloom, Pam Davis, Roxanne Matthews, Carrie Neal, Chief
Harrell, Marsheika Martin, Stephany Snowden

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:02 p.m.

INVOCATION

The Invocation was given by the Honorable James Tuten.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN'S INPUT – No one signed up to speak at this time.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Ms. Michielle Cannon-Finch, Clerk of Council, stated the Development and Services and Administration and Finance Committee meetings need to be added to the agenda.

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern, to adopt the agenda as amended. The vote in favor was unanimous.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

Mr. Larry Smith, County Attorney, stated the Contractual Matter regarding Owens Field Airport need to be discussed in Executive Session.

REPORT OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AND CLERK OF COUNCIL – No reports were given at this time.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 10, 2004: Third Reading of the FY 04-05 Budget

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. Livingston, to approve the minutes as submitted. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ordinance regarding referendum for local option sales tax

Mr. Mizzell moved, seconded by Mr. McEachern/Livingston, to approve this item for First Reading. The vote was in favor.

DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Pond Drive Water System

The committee recommended approval of the construction contracts for the upgrade of the Pond Drive Water System. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Risdon Way/Speed Humps Trial Project

The Committee recommended approval of authorization for a trial project by which speed humps would be installed in Risdon Way located in Northeast Richland County. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Pawn Shop Business License Application

The committee recommended approval of a business license application for a new pawnshop, Cap Daddy's Pawn, which wishes to open at 2205-F Decker Boulevard. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Finance: Resolution of MOU and Agreement regarding Ambulance Fees

The committee recommended approval of the resolution. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Risk Management: Insurance Coverage

The committee recommended approval of the 2004-2005 insurance coverage for Richland County incorporating the follow-up memorandum that was forwarded to staff which reflected a reduction. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Grants (Ms. Smith reported on the following items, which were taken up individually).

- 1. Status and Financial Impact Page** – This item was received as information
- 2. Administration: Intermodal Transportation Center**

The Committee recommended approval to provide \$20,000 as 50% of the required match to undertake a feasibility study for an Intermodal Transportation Center in the Vista. Ms. Smith noted that a funding source was not recommended.

A discussion took place.

Mr. Livingston moved to support this item, taking \$20,000 from the grant matching fund. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Ms. Smith made a substitute motion to the committee's recommendation to inform Central Midlands that the County does not have unallocated matching funds for grants at this time, suggest to the City that the hospitality tax money is available for tourism related projects and transportation has been funded with those source of funds by other entities and that Richland County could consider that in deliberations or ask the City to front the money and come back to County Council later on funds are available. Mr. Mizzell seconded the motion. The vote was in favor.

3. **Homeland Security (2 grants)** – The Committee recommended approval of the grants for one year and then it would end unless the grant is renewed. The vote in favor was unanimous.
4. **Law Enforcement Tribute** – The Committee recommended approval of the Law Enforcement Tribute Grant. The vote in favor was unanimous.
5. **Criminal Justice System Improvement** - The Committee recommended approval of the Criminal Justice System Improvement Grant. The vote in favor was unanimous.

ITEMS FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Scott stated Council needs to go into Executive Session to receive a legal briefing on the Reassessment Cap; and if there was time, the personnel and contractual matters would be discussed as well.

CITIZEN'S INPUT – No one signed up to speak at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM

It was moved and seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter. The vote in favor was unanimous.

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Council went in Executive Session at approximately 6:26 p.m. and came out at approximately 6:49 p.m.
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Contractual Matter: Owens Field Airport

Mr. Pearce moved, seconded by Ms. Tillis, to direct the County Administrator to negotiate a contract for the operation of fix based operator for Owens Airport according to the terms discussed in Executive Session. The vote was in favor. Ms. Smith requested for the record to reflect her vote of "no".

MOTION PERIOD

Hospitality Tax Grants

Mr. Pearce made a motion to schedule a work session for the discussion of the allocation of the hospitality tax grants. (It was seconded.) The vote in favor was unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:53 p.m.

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The minutes were transcribed by Marsheika G. Martin